Implementation of Industrial Tripartite Committee

3276.SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Industrial Tripartite Committee on Road Transport have submitted its report/recommendations to the Labour Ministry:

(b) if so, the details of the report/recommendation,

(c) the action taken thereon;

(d)whether the Ministry is examining to accept the report and take steps to implement it; and

(e) whether the Labour Ministry has interacted/consulted with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways in this ragard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K.CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) The last meeting of the Industrial Tripartite Committee on Road Transport Industry was held in April 2003, in which the Department of Road Transport and Highways was also represented. In accordance with the decision taken in that meeting, a Sub Committee was constituted on 17th December,2003, to look into issues relating to the road transport industry. The Sub Committee has, so far, not submitted its report.

(b) to (e) In View of (a) above, questions do not arise.

Cess on construction workers

3277.SHRI C.PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether a cess on construction sector projects has been proposed for the benefit of construction worker;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a magnify 55% of the construction workers are unskilled; and

(d) if so, the action taken to train them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K.CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.Section 3 of the Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare Cess Act, 1996 provides levy of cess at such rate not exceeding two percent, but not less than on per cent of the cost of construction of building etc. exceeding Rupees ten Lakh for the purpose